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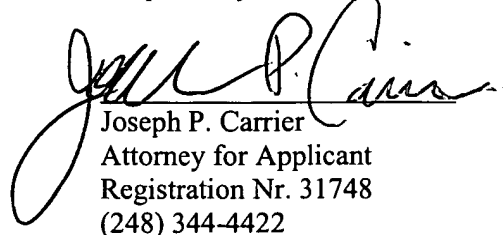
The Examiner should note that, although there is no English abstract or translation of reference #1, pages 168-171 of A Dictionary Of Glass (issued on 20 September 1985), a discussion of the reference in comparison to the present invention was included in the application, at pages 1-2 of the specification as it was filed in the National Phase on 17 June 2005. Such comparison is not meant to be exhaustive of the differences between the reference and the present invention, but merely illustrative.

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Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.


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	1	PAGES 168-171 OF A DICTIONARY OF GLASS (issued on 20 September 1985), by Asakura Bookstore.	

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